

The Attorney General Chairman of the Committee reported, That they had made a progress in the Bill, and that he was directed to move that they may have leave to sit again. Ordered accordingly.

Mr. *Stewart* Chairman of the Committee appointed to wait on his Excellency the Lieut. Governor with the Address relative to the collection of Quit Rents during the administration of the late Lieut. Governor, reported, That they had waited on his Excellency with the said Address and that his Excellency was pleased to say, that he is not in possession of any communication to the late Lieut. Governor from the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury on that subject, but handed to the Committee an extract from a Dispatch from the Right Honorable Earl Bathurst, to the late Lieut. Governor, which his Excellency thought was what the House requested, but if they desired any thing further on that subject, he would be happy to give every information in his power, a copy of which extract is as follows :

10th May, 1823.

"As it appears that the collection of the Quit Rents has not been regularly enforced, since the date of your Proclamation in 1818, but that in numerous instances arrears for several years are now due, I am to desire that the Collector of the Quit Rents may for the present limit his demand to the payment of the Quit Rents due for the current year, which he will consider himself authorised to enforce, and that the levy of the arrears may be suspended until you have transmitted to me an account of the sums due by the different Proprietors, with the reasons which have induced you to allow them to accumulate instead of collecting them half-yearly as you were instructed to do in 1818."

I have the honor to be,

&c. &c. &c.

(Signed) BATHURST.

Lieut. Gov. Smith,

&c. &c. &c.

A Message from his Majesty's Council by Mr. Carmichael, their Clerk.

Mr. Speaker,

His Majesty's Council request a conference with a Committee of the House of Assembly on the subject of the Bill intituled an Act to regulate the Fisheries of this Island, and have named the Honorables *William Pleave*, and *William M.*

*Hill*, to manage the same, to meet instantly in the Grand Jury Room.

J. E. CARMICHAEL, C. C.

Council Chamber, March 10, 1825.

Mr. Speaker,

His Majesty's Council have agreed to the amendment proposed by the Committee of both Houses in conference, to the Bill intituled an Act to regulate the duties and charges of Pilots within this Island, viz. That all Harbours on the North side of this Island, shall pay a Pilotage of Five Shillings per foot to the place of destination, and a further sum of Five Shillings per foot outwards from the place of loading.

J. E. CARMICHAEL, C. C.

Council Chamber, March 10, 1825.

Mr. Speaker,

His Majesty's Council have passed the following Bills without any amendment.

A Bill intituled an Act for the preservation of Sheep within the Royalty of Charlotte-Town, by imposing a Tax on Dogs."

A Bill to prevent the destruction of Sheep by Dogs.

J. E. CARMICHAEL, C. C.

Council Chamber, March 10, 1825.

On Motion the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, to resume the consideration of the State of the Colony,

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. *Stewart* took the Chair of the Committee,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair,

Mr. *Stewart* Chairman of the Committee reported, That they had examined various witnesses, and made a progress, and that he was directed to move that they may have leave to sit again. Ordered accordingly.

Ordered, on Motion, that this House do agree to the conference proposed by his Majesty's Council, on the subject of the Bill intituled an Act to regulate the Fisheries of this Island, and that Mr. *McGregor*, Mr. *Cameron*, Mr. *Mobey*, and Mr. *Owen*, be a Committee to manage the same instantly.

On Motion, ordered, That the Bill intituled an Act to regulate the duties and charges of Pilots within this Island do pass with the amendment, be re-engrossed and sent up to his Majesty's Council.

Mr. *McGregor* Chairman of the Committee appointed to confer with a Com-